

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD A MEETING ON THE 27th DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWO OF OUR LORD AT THE ROYAL NEW KENT CLUBHOUSE, NEW KENT, VIRGINIA AT 5:30 P.M.

IN RE: ROLL CALL

Julian T. Lipscomb	Present
Rebecca M. Ringley	Present
James H. Burrell	Present
Dean E. Raynes	Present
W. R. "Ray" Davis, Jr.	Present

Chairman Davis re-convened the meeting, which had been continued from November 4, 2002. Mr. Raynes gave the invocation

IN RE: DISCUSSION WITH SENATOR THOMAS NORMENT

The Board members met for dinner with State Senator Thomas Norment to discuss issues involving New Kent County.

Topics of discussion included:

Taxes: Senator Norment reported that this is an election year and he does not anticipate the passage of any new taxes. The Governor is still advocating passage of the trash tipping tax which did not pass last year.

CSA: Senator Norment was aware of the burden that is being placed on localities but felt passage of a residency requirement would be unlikely. He did express his opinion that parents should be required to have some responsibility for payment of these expenses, and that the application has been revised in order to determine if there is third party coverage.

Impact fees: He has introduced legislative twice and was unable to get it out of committee. Opponents of this issue include the building industry and realtors, which are well-organized and well-funded.

VACo's 50/40/10 Proposal: He would be surprised if it is successful in 2003 in light of the economy, but suggests that its proponents persist in their efforts to educate legislators. He reported that the General Assembly has the largest percentage of members ever from local government.

Dillon Rule: Senator Norment was not optimistic that Virginia would join the 45 states that have given localities greater local autonomy. He reported that the business industry is against abolishing the Dillon Rule (wants uniformity of taxation across the state).

State budget cuts: He understands the discomfort being felt by the local governments, and hopes that K-12 will continue to be exempt from cuts.

Pari-mutuel betting: Senator Norment reported that there is little affection for pari-mutuel betting among the fiscally and socially conservative Republican majority of the General Assembly, and does not believe that any legislation regarding pari-mutuel betting, riverboat gambling, or revenue enhancements (such as user fees) will be successful.

Increased revenue from Clerk's recording fees: He is not optimistic that there will be any change in the percentage to be returned to localities.

Transportation: He is aware of the problems that New Kent will have if I-64 is widened on both the east and west ends of the County. He was not able to confirm if the recent discovery of additional bridge construction funds will speed up the replacement of the West Point bridge. He anticipates that the localities in the Shenandoah Valley will be clamoring for a good portion of the bridge funds in that they have more bridges than Hampton Roads. He related the lack of progress in the efforts to develop mass transit and commuter rail service, but will keep in mind the ideal location of Providence Force as a rail stop.

Telecommunications: Senator Norment was asked to advise the County of any legislation which may further the development of technology to assist home-based businesses and telecommuters.

Health Departments: Problems regarding septic tanks and the prolonged delays with the Health Department were discussed. It was suggested that certified sanitarians be authorized to issue permits rather than uncertified personnel in the Health Departments. There was also discussion about the Health Department's failure to keep records on the alternative systems that are being installed. Senator Norment agreed to look into this issue.

Senator Norment's assistant reported that New Kent's request for a change of name of the IDA to the New Kent County Economic Development Authority is "in the hopper".

Senator Norment reported that as majority floor leader of the Senate, and as members of the Senate Agricultural & Natural Resources, Senate Finance, Health & Human Resources, Public Safety, Education, Courts, and Commerce & Labor committees, he is in good position to have early notice of issues that impact New Kent and will communicate those to the County. He served on the Board of Supervisors for James City County prior to election to the General Assembly and is aware of the concerns and struggles of local government.

IN RE: CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Ringley made a motion to go into closed session for consultation and briefings by legal counsel, consultants, or staff members pertaining to actual or probable litigation or

other legal matters pursuant to §2.2-3711A.7 of the Code of Virginia. The members were polled:

Julian T. Lipscomb	Aye
Rebecca M. Ringley	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye
Dean E. Raynes	Aye
W. R. "Ray" Davis, Jr.	Aye

The Board went into closed session at 7:30 p.m.

The Board ended closed session at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Lipscomb made the following motion in certification of the closed session:

Whereas, the New Kent County of Supervisors has convened a closed session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

Whereas, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such closed session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

Now, there, be it resolved that the Board hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open session requirements by Virginia law were discussed in closed session to which this certification resolution applies and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

Chairman Davis inquired whether there was any member who believed that there was a departure from the motion. Members were polled on the certification:

Rebecca M. Ringley	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye
Dean E. Raynes	Aye
Julian T. Lipscomb	Aye
W. R. "Ray" Davis, Jr.	Aye

The motion carried.

RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Christie asked the Board to provide available dates for a joint meeting with the School Board. He will check with the School Board to see whether the evening of January 7 or January 9, 2003, is convenient.

Mr. Christie reported that a reporter from the Virginia Review wanted to “spotlight” New Kent County in an upcoming issue, and asked for the Board’s participation in the interview which will be sometime in January.

There was discussion regarding New Kent’s upcoming 350th anniversary, and Mr. Christie asked that Board members be prepared to further discuss this item at the next work session.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Lipscomb made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The members were polled:

James H. Burrell	Aye
Dean E. Raynes	Aye
Julian T. Lipscomb	Aye
Rebecca M. Ringley	Aye
W. R. “Ray” Davis, Jr.	Aye

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
